Starbucks ordered to rehire organizers

Memphis Seven win

By Arjae Red

Back in February, Starbucks made headlines with the most viciously racist union-busting move since the start of its union-busting campaign: the firing of the entire, mostly Black and Brown, union organizing committee at the Poplar and Highland store in Memphis, Tennessee. Now, six months later, these seven workers claimed a major victory over the company, when a federal judge ordered their reinstatement Aug. 18, giving the company five days to offer them their jobs back.

This is a huge victory, not only for the illegally fired Memphis workers, but for all the more than 75 Starbucks workers who have been fired as a result of their union advocacy. Many workers are hoping that with support for the union spreading across the country, with over 220 unionized stores and an 82% success rate in elections, with increasingly militant strikes such as the strike in Boston, which has now been going strong for over five weeks, and now with a legal precedent for rehiring fired organizers, that other fired union supporters will have a chance at getting their jobs back—with back pay!

Starbucks, of course, opposed the judge’s decision, saying the company “strongly disagrees” and intends to appeal and delay the process. Delaying is a tactic used often by the company. On Aug. 15, Starbucks asked the National Labor Relations Board to temporarily suspend new union votes, alleging that NLRB officials collaborated with the union.

This accusation is based on the claim that the NLRB allowed some workers, who did not receive mail ballots, to submit ballots in person during a mail-in vote at one store in Overland Park, Kansas. Starbucks Workers United responded by stating: “Unfortunately, it’s now in vogue for the losers of some elections nationwide to attempt to reverse elections by any means they think are necessary.” The union pointed out that Starbucks claims to stand for voter protections, yet the corporation is moving to suppress union elections across the country. Up to this point, the line repeated by the company has been: “We want every partner to vote”—unless of course the vote is for the union, then they will challenge it any way they can. Starbucks did this to the Walden-Anderson store in Buffalo, New York, where a revote was forced by the company after the workers won the previous election, despite the store being closed for over two months and with many pro-union workers forced out.

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Inflation Reduction Act increases Appalachian climate crisis

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After an Aug. 7 Senate passage, the "Inflation Reduction Act" (IRA) passed the U.S. House of Representatives Aug. 12, and President Joe Biden signed it into law Aug. 16.

The IRA, disingenuously referred to as "the Climate Bill," is an omnibus bill that encompasses some parts of the previous Democratic Party-proposed "Build Back Better" bill and has provisions to reduce carbon emissions by roughly 40% by 2030. It is being touted as "historic." By union representatives, corporate media pundits, moderates and even some "progressives.

The bill is supported by the arch reactionary Democratic Senator from West Virginia, and then a delivery point in Almanzor County, North Carolina, ending roughly five miles from her home. Cavalier-Keck then started a campaign to inform others about the dangers posed by the MVP. (grist.org, Oct. 15, 2022)

Another Indigenous activist who organized early is Desiree Shelley, a leader of the climate justice organization Mothers Out Front. Shelley lives about eight miles from the MVP’s route in Roanoke County, Virginia. She was originally from Baltimore but moved to Virginia in 2017 to raise her family closer to the Monacan Nation center in Amherst County.

A Sept. 28, 2020, article in the Appalachian Voice quoted Shelley on the devastation she has witnessed over the years. She stated that ever since the MVP work started in 2018, when there has been a heavy rain, she can see sedimentation draining into the drinking water source for the city of Roanoke, Virginia: "I can drive along the road and see the stream overflowing, and the damage that it’s doing to people’s farms. ... I can just see how brown the water is.

This article documents the experience of an elder in Monroe County, West Virginia, Maury Johnson, who claims his water supply has been unfit for consumption, cooking and cleaning since construction of the MVP began close to his rural home. Johnson has filed over 182 complaints against the pipeline, and he claims more than 100 other people across the state have done the same.

The trap of the Democratic Party

While most leaders of the Republican Party openly embrace white supremacy and express disregard for the environment, the Democratic Party attempts to present itself as a "lesser evil" alternative. But despite its efforts at times to appear "progressive," the Democratic Party is a capitalist organization that harbors big-business-backed bigots like Joe Manchin.

Supporters of the Democratic Party’s previous “Build Back Better” bill were designed to improve material conditions for workers and oppressed people. But its partial commitment to developing green, sustainable jobs is pointless, when other for-profit ventures will continue to pollute the air workers breathe and poison the water people drink.

If Democratic Party leaders were serious about combating climate change, they would make a good faith effort to collaborate and cooperate with the government of the People’s Republic of China, now in the process of implementing the world’s largest system to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

Instead, leaders of the Democratic Party, in lockstep with their Republican counterparts, are engaging in economic and political provocations against China. Revolutionary socialism is the only alternative to either of these capitalist parties and their toxic legislation.

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toothless NLRB. A few rulings in favor of the union and accommodations made for receiving ballots in person for voters who did not receive mail-in ballots is hardly collusion. These scurrilous accusations on the part of Starbucks, as with the firing of the Memphis Seven and so many others, are a flagrant attempt by a megacorporation to squelch the rising tide of labor solidarity sweeping the country. But this youth-led, multiracial and multigendered working-class struggle is proving to be far more formidable than Starbucks and the capital class ever anticipated.

The author is a Workers World contributing writer and a union committee organizer with Starbucks Workers United in Buffalo.

Shut Stewart Detention Center DOWN!

By Dianne Mathiowetz
Lumpkin, Georgia

On Saturday, Aug. 20, immigrant rights activists brought their outrage to the gates of the Stewart Detention Center, operated by CoreCivic, which runs prisons and detention centers for profit. After several months of inaction, the male nurse named in sexual assault charges by four women detainees is still on the job.

One of the survivors, a 22-year-old woman named Maria, described how the experience has impacted her emotionally and psychologically. CoreCivic personnel as well as ICE agents essentially accused her of lying and threatened her with a seven-year prison sentence. She defiantly told the supportive crowd, she “would not be quiet.”

The protest was organized by several groups including Georgia Detention Watch, Coalition to Shut Down ICE in Georgia, El Refugio and Sur Legal.

Workers World article, “Manchin bill could worsen climate crisis”

Senator from West Virginia, Joe Manchin. An Aug. 4 workers.org    August 25, 2022    Page 3
By Steve Gillis
Boston

The longest strike in Starbucks’ history, at Boston’s 874 Commonwealth Ave. shop, concluded its fifth week Aug. 21 with solidarity appearances by members of Flight Attendants-CWA President Sara Nelson and Senator Bernie Sanders. A movement of young workers and veteran unionists in Boston has shown that support for striking baristas has grown more determined than ever to see it through to victory.

The strike that began July 18—just five weeks after workers watched in solidarity with the Starbucks Schodack, N.Y., warehouse are filing for a unionization vote, Aug. 16.

Young workers’ movement faces down Boston police

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By Minnie Bruce Pratt

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Greenwald, N.C.

Schultz—who ran for president in the 2020
campaign—launched a massive union-unification campaign. He blamed Democratic Party-governed cities for a lack of police to provide “safety” to his stores, while warning that strikers of arrest should they interfere with deliver-

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Mental health workers strike for their patients

The psychologists, social workers and other mental health care workers at Kaiser Permanente facilities in California are out on the picket line. These members of the National Union of Healthcare Workers are on strike because the hospital administration refuses to increase staffing to meet the demand for services. (East Bay Times, Aug. 15)

Instead workers’ caseloads are reaching unsafe levels. Wait times for appointments are putting patients at risk. Despite Kaiser’s claims that the strike is having little impact on care because nonunion psychiatrists are filling in, patients are reporting they are being told that no appointments are available.

The striking mental health care workers have already agreed to Kaiser’s wage proposal, so it is clear that is not the reason for the strike. These health care workers are upholding the responsibility for the safety of their patients where it belongs. The Kaiser workers are refusing to allow corporate greed to dominate — an all too familiar scenario in the health care business.

Becker’s Hospital Review reported that Kaiser plans a $1.7 billion expansion. Yet it refuses to improve staffing levels for mental health services. Another example of profit over patients.

Minnesota nurses ready for a strike

Across their state, 15,000 nurses at 15 hospitals have authorized their union, Minnesota Nurses Association, to call a strike. They are demanding hospital administrators increase staffing levels and pay. (Minnesota Reformer, Aug. 11)

There is a nationwide exodus of professional nurses from direct patient care. Nurses are leaving the bedside, as hospital executives are pocketing million-dollar salaries. The Minnesota nurses want that money to compensate nurses who have worked through the pandemic and to attract new nurses, thereby improving patient-to-nurse staffing ratios.

Patient safety incidents like falls and bedsores have been on the rise in Minnesota facilities, as a direct result of increased nursing workloads. This creates an ethical dilemma for nurses, when they cannot practice according to professional standards of care. The Minnesota nurses are sending a message to their employers: They would rather strike than continue to put their professional licenses on the line or their patients’ safety at risk.

BCTGM: Strike two on the bosses!

Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers Union (BCTGM) members are not afraid to stand up to snack-food bosses. This month, Bakery Union workers are on strike at two prominent food businesses.

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Mental health workers march from Oakland Kaiser Permanente Center to Kaiser’s corporate headquarters, Aug. 19, on Day 5 of an open-ended California strike.

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VOTE FOR THE WORKERS!

San Bernardino, California

Workers at Amazon’s air hub in San Bernardino, California, prepare to walk out, Aug. 15.

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California, in the Inland Empire Valley, walked out mid-shift on Aug. 15 to protest low wages and unsafe working conditions. Summer temperatures in San Bernardino soar above 95 F. Pay for KSBD workers starts at about $12 an hour, but in San Bernardino the average rent is $1,650 a month. Working full-time, employees have to spend 75% of their income to cover rent. About 900 workers have signed a petition calling for the base pay rate to be raised to $22 an hour. (myinwest.com, Aug. 16)

Organized by Inland EmpireAmazon Workers United (IEWAU), an independent collective, this was the first coordinated labor action within Amazon’s airfreight division, which transports packages to numerous warehouses globally. Though the 150 workers who walked out were a small fraction of the 1,500 employees, the action created led logistical disruptions, since KSBD is one of only three Amazon air hubs in the U.S.

In July, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and federal prosecutors in the Southern District of New York announced an investigation into workplace deaths and safety in Amazon warehouses, including injuries from work-place hazards, work rate requirements and the pace of work, and whether Amazon is accurately reporting on-the-job injuries. (The nsoc.org)

The Strategic Organizing Center, a coalition of four labor unions, published an April 12 study asserting that U.S. Amazon warehouse workers suffered serious inju- ries at twice the rate of rival companies in 2021; and that, for every 100 Amazon warehouse workers, there were 6.8 serious injuries compared with an average of 3.5 serious injuries at all other employers in the warehouse industry — more than twice the industry rate. (The nsoc.org)

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Recollections of Albert Woodfox

By Gloria Rubac

Parnell Herbert grew up with Albert Woodfox and later reconnected when Woodfox was in prison. Malik Rahim was a founder of the New Orleans Black Panther Party and met Woodfox at the Orleans Parish Jail. Gloria Rubac interviewed Herbert and Rahim.

Aug. 14 about Woodfox, a member of the Angola Three who passed away Aug. 4. Woodfox, Robert King and Herman Wallace organized a Black Panther Party chapter in Angola Prison.

Parnell Herbert

Albert and I grew up a few blocks from each other across from the Lafayette Projects. We hung out with other kids and got involved with a little mischief. I started seeing my friends killed and being sent to prison. When Albert was sent to prison for the first time, I decided to go into the military to avoid the drugs and the cops and prison.

When I got out of the military, I didn’t see Albert and he figured he was dead. Then my daughter told me about Albert and the Angola Three. I met Robert King when he was freed in 2016. He was released on his birth-end of events for Carl.

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There were six of us and the Angola Three. After a while Angola stopped our contact visits, but we still went to visit. We were all behind glass, but at least the guys got out of their cramped solitary cells.

After Hurricane Katrina I was in Houston for several years, and when Panther activists were planning to have an event commemorating the assassination of Carl Hampton, the Panther leader in Houston, I got involved. It was during that time that I wrote a play about the Angola Three, and that’s what I’m best known for as part of the weekend of events for Carl.

I finally got to meet Albert out here in New Orleans, where he was freed in 2016. He was released on his birthday, Feb. 10, and we were having an event that night that was to include a celebration of his birthday. We found out he was being released that day, so I was on the panel for the event. Albert’s brother picked him up from Angola and drove straight to New Orleans to the Ashe Center where we were. No one in the audience knew Albert had just been released. So when I told the crowd to welcome Albert Woodfox on his birthday, there was such surprise when Albert walked in.

Albert told me later he wasn’t sure if people would welcome him, since the last time they had seen him, he was a petty criminal. But the crowd was jubilant, so welcoming, so thrilled to have him home! Everyone had been fighting for the freedom of Albert, and here he was.

I will remember Albert and his humanity, how he had changed in prison, evolving every day. Being a Panther changed him. He spent decades fighting the prison abuse, the prison rackets; he fought for every body at Angola. My childhood friend became a hero, loved by people all over the world.

Right now, I’m working on a memoir for Albert on Oct. 8 here in NOLA. Panthers from around the country are coming. We will have some speakers and then open it up for everyone to give their tribute.

Malik Rahim

I was a Panther in 1970 in New Orleans and was one of the survivors of an attack on the Panthers at the Desire Housing Project. I met Albert when I was in the Orleans Parish jail.

I learned that Albert had met the Panthers while in Harlem and became politicized by their analysis and actions. He was arrested and put in the Tombs and began organizing those locked up with him.

The officers at the Tombs wanted to get rid of him and quickly sent him back to the Orleans Parish Prison, where he was put in the dungeon. I made a commitment in 1971 to help free them.

One of the first organizations to support Albert and Herman Wallace and others fighting at Angola was Workers World Party. I was in San Francisco and at an event celebrating the release of George Jackson, I told the people we had to build support for the Angola Three. Albert was getting ready to be released and needed help. We didn’t have funds or an office or a copy machine, but WW gave us that.

Later I was invited to a Workers World Party conference and got to speak about Angola. We got over 500 postcards signed to the judge in the retrial, letting him know people would be monitoring Albert’s trial.

I went with WWP to Iraq about the sanctions challenge and spoke with Ramsey Clark, Lucius Walker, Bishop Gumbleton and so many about the Angola Three. Workers World made this possible, and on that trip we gathered international support. If it wasn’t for Workers World, the Angola Three [case] would not have gone global.

The very day Albert got out of prison, on his 60th birthday, his activism began out here. He had the courage to keep his fight going, particularly against solitary confinement. Those first 20 years at Angola were so hard, as there was no community support. But the Wrights showed the character and courage of Albert.

Albert and Herman and King were renowned jailhouse lawyers; they helped all the prisoners who needed it, including those on death row. They even helped Ponchai “Kamau” Wilkerson on the row in Texas. They knew about him and their group PURE, Panthers United for Revolutionary Education, by reading Workers World.

Through Workers World they read about Mumia and got other prisoners to sign petitions for Mumia.

The Angola Three were dedicated to struggle. As a man, Albert showed me how to overcome injustice. He lived a principled life. He was committed to not just prison justice, but he was a man for world justice. He made peoples’ history.

People will always remember the Angola Three as three Black men who stood up and never backed down. They always stood strong. We were comrades. I couldn’t understand a person who lived as Albert did, coming out of solitary confinement. I did 11 months in solitary, but Albert did 43 years.

I want WW to know that the stand they made for justice for the Angola Three was a big part of them finally winning their freedom.[]

Albert Woodfox. Angola Three warrior passes

By Mumia Abu-Jamal

August 9

Who has not heard of the Angola Three, three young Black prisoners who were falsely accused of killing a prison guard in 1972, in the infamous Louisiana maximum-security prison, sited at a former slave plantation and named for the place where the African captives came from: Angola. On Thursday, Aug. 4, attorneys for Albert Woodfox announced his passing at the age of 75.

For over 43 years, Woodfox and several other Black men were held in brutal solitary confinement, one of the longest-held solitary prisoners on Earth. 43 years, seven days a week, 23 hours a day. The U.N. Special Rapporteur on Torture has stated that any time above 12 days constitutes torture and a violation of international law.

13 days, 43 years.

How did Woodfox survive? He cites the teachings of the Black Panther Party; books by Frantz Fanon, Malcolm X and Marcus Garvey; and lastly, the daily work they did for revolution, by reading Workers World.

In his last six years of freedom, he thought more and more of his mother, Ruby Mable Hamlin, who died while he was in Angola. He called her his true hero. She was, he said, “functionally illiterate.” But, he added, “I never saw a look of defeat in her face no matter how hard things got. I grew into my mother’s wisdom. I carry it within me.” Albert Woodfox returns to his ancestors.

In love, not fear, this is Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Mumia Abu-Jamal’s commentary are recorded by Prison Radio.
During Black August, an Attica brother pays tribute to George Jackson

By Che Nieves

On behalf of the Attica Brothers, I want to take this opportunity to extend our commemoration to all our fallen freedom Fighters who have sacrificed their lives for the liberation of all political prisoners and prisoners of war. These Fighters have fought to the very end in our freedom Fighters released from U.S. concentration camps.

This empire has for years been in demand for their blood. They have shed many of our Fighters in prison for 40, 50, and 60 years, in which many have died as a result of their incarceration.

We, the Attica brothers in this month of August, want to acknowledge one of our fallen warrior brothers, George Jackson.

Brother George was born on Sept. 23, 1941, on the West side of Chicago, Illinois. His father was Walter, and his mother was Georgia. He was the second of five children. His parents always provided a healthy, stable home life for their children.

George was one of 103 people who have successfully petitioned Pennsylvania courts for “compassionate release” in the last 13 years. His friend and tireless supporter, Bryant Arroyo, currently still incarcerated at SCI Coal Township, said in April, “He was so adamant about not dying here under these particular circumstances that he was willing to do exactly what he needed to do in order to try to obtain his release.”

Che Nieves pictured in the Oscar-nominated documentary ‘Attica’ by Stanley Nelson.

While growing up, George had a few legal encounters with the legal system, as a result, he was convicted and sentenced to one-year of prison for minor offenses. In 1961, he was charged with stealing $70 from a gas station. As a result, he went to prison for 46 years—before he learned he was dying of cancer. 

With the help of activists on both sides of the prison walls, Gamble fought relentlessly to win his freedom.

Brother George was a true warrior who, when the work of life is done, the whole Attica population commemorated to all our fallen freedom Fighters.

By Ted Kelly

When Bradford Gamble died, he was surrounded by his family. The 65-year-old had been imprisoned for nearly a lifetime—46 years—before he learned he was dying of cancer.

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Brother Gamble, liberated activist and prison whistleblower

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A statement posted by from Gamble’s incarcerated comrades and friends, Bryant Arroyo, George Rashaa Brooks-Bey and Phillip Quinn, reads:

“Life and death are one, as the river and sea is one. So death is no enemy; it is a friend who, when the work of life is done, cuts the cord that binds the human boat to Earth so it can sail on to smoother shores.”

No language can describe a loved one’s worth, and Bob’s was tried and true. He was not called to be with our ancestors until the task he sought was done. When one has completed their mission, nature demands they move on. Thus, Bob joined the ancestors.

“Those who love him will follow his example and continue his fight for human rights. I know, that is the pattern for my life. His example, his dedication will be the beacon that my people can look to and be inspired by. It would be selfish of us to desire to walk and talk with Bob again. So, we will honor Bob by carrying on our struggle and letting his strength be an inspiration to us.”

“Bub is now one with the creative force. Who can doubt the power of creative force? In the depths of the Earth, it presses coal into diamonds. In the soft belly of the oyster, it changes a grain of sand into a pearl. In the darkness of the cocoon, it turns a caterpillar into a butterfly. Death, too, is but one of nature’s moments of change.”

“As the snake sheds off its old skin, we, too, shake off this life to find something new and beautiful. As the winter landscapes hide the springtime flowers just beneath the soil and winter trees hide the promise of new leaves, our grief and deathbed agonies hide the promise of nature’s eternal love. Life has taught us to be patient with what we can’t comprehend. To Marxism and the struggle of the working class.”

September 1971.
Palestinians resist U.S. imperialism and Israeli occupation

By Richie Merino

On Aug. 18, Israeli occupation forces raided, physically blocked and imposed closure orders on the offices of seven prominent Palestinian human rights groups, feminist and social services organizations that day. Israel will continue to get away with blatant violations of international human rights law, as long as the EU and the Biden administration, like their predecessors, continue to defend Israel and unconditional- ly provide the occupier with military, economic and diplomatic support. A revolutionary response

Since the beginning of August, 56 Palestinians — including 20 children — have been murdered in Israeli occupation forces, according to the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights. (ohchr.org/en)

Zionist occupiers have launched aggressive, targeted raids on resistance fighters, with countless civilians being caught in the crosshairs. While much of the media focuses on Israeli atrocities and crimes committed against the Palestinian people, the imperial powers — England, France, the U.S. and other countries — were responsible for creating the state of Israel in 1948. These countries continue to work overtime to demonize and undermine the Palestinian national liberation struggle.

The struggle to free Palestine is not just against Israel but against world imperialism. As George Habash, late founder of the PFLP, proclaimed long ago: “Our real enemy is not Israel and Zionism only; it is American imperialism, which is backing Israel because Israel is a bourgeois guard for American imperialist interests.”

The capitalist state and government operating along the road to a substantive liberation that secures Palestinian sovereign power over their lands, from the river to the sea. All power to the militant Palestinians uniting in mass rebellion to withstand and resist Zionist aggression today. The liberation of Palestine and its most oppressed peoples — including 20 children — will be defeated.

Protestors hounded U.S. President Joe Biden in Palestine July 15 in Bethlehem where boys carried the photograph of Shireen Abu Akleh, the Palestinian-American journalist murdered by Israeli Defense Force troops while on assignment in the Palestinian refugee camp of Jenin.

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A Marxist view

Behind the search at Mar-a-Lago

By John Catalinotto

Aug. 21 — The most recent conflict among U.S. ruling institutions displays the depth of the crises wracking U.S. imperialism. As U.S. worldwide dominance declines and the government at home fails to stem growing inequality or resolve health and climate disasters, internal conflicts are sharpening. U.S.-ruling-class organizations are battling for control of the U.S. capitalist régime — which decides how and for whom $3 trillion is spent each year.

What’s unusual is that politicians and pundits have taken public positions contrasting with their past positions. How the corporate media — centrist or reactionary — discusses this conflict sows confusion. The first step for the working class to intervene is to understand the conflict. Working-class organizations, with a Marxist and Leninist view of how the capitalist state and government operate, must make the following point clear: All the parties and institutions involved in this conflict — even though they have real...
Angered by inflation, British workers strike

By G. Dunkel

Ever since then-Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher “solved” Britain’s economic problems by harming down workers who were trying to meet their needs in the 1980s, the British rulers have preferred the tactic of confronting and crushing the workers. This summer, workers have begun to hit back with a wave of strikes.

This unstaeted ruling-class goal of crushing the unions, along with dreams of past imperial glory, lay behind the ruling-class backing for Brexit. The British rulers wanted to use anti-migrant bigotry to divide the working class, and they wanted to avoid the culture and rules of the European Union, which are based on past struggles of workers on the continent.


As in the U.S., workers avoided jobs that were onerous, those requiring risks, those with erratic schedules and those paying less than a living wage. The absence of workers migrating from EU countries exacerbated these shortages, as did supply chain issues caused by COVID-19.

Some economists like Adam Posner (New York Times, Aug. 18) blame 80% of Britain’s inflation on Brexit. The war in Ukraine and the anti-Russian sanctions create another huge economic problem, but British rulers, currently restricted, are scheduled to go up by 80% on Oct. 1 for England, Scotland and Wales.

The British government just announced that it is applying much stricter sanctions on Russia at the end of June, as well as pouring money into training the Ukrainian army and supplying weapons. The government has avoided detailing the impact of these sanctions beyond indicat- ing that it will cost billions of pounds. (1 British pound equals $1.18, Aug. 22)

Workers’ response

While inflation has been hovering between 9% and 10% in 2022, the median wage for workers in the private sector has gone up by 7.2% and in the public sector by only 1.5%. (CNBC, July 22)

The National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT) represents most of the railroad workers, except the train drivers who are rep- resented by the Associated Society of Lokomotive Engineers and Firemen (ASLEF). Both unions are cooperating in this conflict — Postmaster General Louis DeJoy is a prime example — who deliberately dismantled the departments they were entrusted with.

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Trump’s crimes

While Trump’s handling of secret U.S. documents was criminal charges — or not — this is not his biggest crime against the working class. Trump agitated throughout his presidency in an open manner against anti-migrant and anti-immigrant movement and blew wind into the sails of 21st-century fascist organizations, like the Proud Boys and Oath Keepers that carry out physical attacks on oppressed people.

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What the Republicans really meant was that they want directors of the FBI and the Department of Justice to be pro- Trump and even more reactionary than the Reagan or Bush administrations. (The Independent, Aug. 21) They demand better working conditions and a safer environment. This is a recipe for disaster. Unions and industry bodies are fighting back against these reckless plans. Using agency workers to try and break strikes would put these workers in an appallingly different position, worsen disputes and poison labor relations. Make no mistake. This government wants to undermine the fundamental right to strike.” (tinyurl.com/2p9smmy7)

Walkout at Felixstowe

Felixstowe is Britain’s main container port, handling over 2 million containers a year, about half of all containers entering Britain. It is a major trans-shipping point for Hamburg, Germany, and Rotterdam, two major EU ports.

According to Unite, the union that represents the port workers, “Over 1,900 members of Unite at the Felixstowe Port —”

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These are especially bitter days to be living in the United States for those of us who are communists, socialists, and republicans. As those remotely left of center, we have witnessed how the socialists’ political influence has been returned in a desolate Cuba has extended to other countries since its viva and develop. And we have witnessed how the solidarity of the people of Cuba, their will to survive and develop, and hundreds of years of bigoted miseducation? What kind of determination, bravery and daily sacrifice it takes for a socialist Cuba to survive? What it means to be a communist cadre and what daily life is like for ordinary citizens in Cuba? What it takes to be a Cuban dedicated to the continued existence of a country laboriously raised itself from enslavement, colonization, capitalist exploitation and hundreds of years of bigoted misinformation.

For the last three weeks, the entire world has seen ugly events in Kenosha, Wisconsin, when a boy of people of Cuba, their way of life, in the middle of this, who would fault anyone for dreaming of escape to Cuba, a very small country filled with histor- ical lessons in revolution organizing, “Fighting Times: Organizing on the Front Lines of the Class War,” published by PM Press, is worth checking out. The author, Jon Melrod, takes the reader on a journey back in time. Melrod grew up with his childhood in Washington, D.C., where he learned about the harsh reality of racism and national oppression when he saw a little girl working on a country road in rural Virginia. He joined the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) as an ally in 1965 and participated in a four-volume set “Selected Works of Mao” in a package distributed by IFCO/Pastors for Peace, Puentes de Amor and Code Pink, sent to Workers World Party raised funds to send to Cuba to be used for medical supplies for those injured in the catastrophic fire.

For those of us in the U.S., what’s the next important step in solidarity for Cuba? For us to faithfully emulate the day-in-and-day-out fierce determination of the Cuban people and end forever the death-dealing U.S. sanctions and blockade of Cuba.

To work to end U.S. aggression against Cuba, and in doing so, endeavor to arouse a desire for liberation from capitalist, imperialist aggression within the U.S.I hate to bring up thecpt that reads “Fight Speed Up” in defiance of management punitive firings. The up-reared head of the rawest racism, the bosses, became creative. In addition to the non-unionized places like Amazon, Starbucks and Apple, there are several lessons that can be learned from reading “Fighting Times: Melrod helped organize more innovative collective actions. Because of the diligent efforts of the UAW, Local 72 was the first UAW local to win Dr. Martin Luther King Day as a paid holiday in their contract. (See Workers World, “Anti-racist solidarity: Kenosha’s labor history,” Sept. 3, 2020.)

In Local 72, Melrod helped workers together under unique and challenging circumstances. As many young people are currently working hard to unionize places like Amazon, Starbucks and Apple, there are several lessons that can be learned from reading “Fighting Times: Melrod helped to bring workers together under unique and challenging circumstances.

“Fighting Times” can be a guide for those seeking creative ways to organize today. The book is available at www.jonathanmelrod.com.
The Western corporate media describe the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea’s launch of two missiles Aug. 17 as threatening, aggressive and paranoid. Most what media failed to report was that the “joint military exercises with Japan and South Korea off Hawaii,” in preparation for extensive war exercises, provoked the DPRK’s two warning shots.

An Aug. 19 article in the Daily Beast, an online news website, headlined a longer and upcoming military land, sea and air exercise this way: “U.S. to Enrage Kim Jong Un With Assassination Dry Run.” The article then reads:

“For the first time in years, joint exercises between the U.S. and South Korea this month will culminate in a trial run of decapitating the North Korean leadership. The U.S. and South Korea are about to play war games again, and this time they’re going for the jugular,” meaning to assassinate North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. (thedaily-beast.com, Aug. 19)

The DPRK (North Korea) has not carried out a nuclear test since 2017, when the then-empire set off its so-called “super power” and “decapitation” drills were last conducted. Now there are predictions that the DPRK will carry out new nuclear tests in response.

People’s Korea wants peace but has been forced to develop nuclear weapons in self-defense to defend themselves. Despite decades of threats and the harshest economic sanctions, they have refused to surrender.

The courageous spirit of Juche and self-reliance deserves the respect and solidarity of workers’ movements and anti-imperialist activists around the world.

**U.S. general commands South Korean military**

The exercises off Korea are described as a joint project of South Korea and the U.S. Armed Forces. A four-star U.S. general commands South Korea’s military, however, and the U.S. military has commanded South Korean forces since 1954, following the 1950-53 Korean War. As with NATO, the U.S. military remains in command in South Korea. NATO’s military drills are under U.S. command and use U.S. equipment and training. Washington is the “primary client” of the South Korean armed forces.

According to the Aug. 16 “Stars and Strikes,” a daily U.S. military newspaper, the exercise involved “large-scale joint exercises that will go beyond their theoretical command post exercises, known as CPX, to field training exercises (PTX).”

The “kill chain” is the first axis of South Korea’s “three-axis defense plan” focusing on “the intelligence and strike capabilities necessary to detect and preempt North Korean missile launches.” Second is “Korea Massive Punishment and Retaliation,” KMPR, climaxing in the deployment in which special forces snuff out the target — one Kim Jong Un — in an intricately choreographed shock strike.

DPRK President Kim Jong Un warned that the U.S. “by holding large-scale joint exercises, is pushing relations to a point that permits aggression.”

The terms “kill chain” and “decapitation,” which would involve a drone strike according to U.S. experts, exacerbate tensions with the DPRK.

The Jan. 2, 2020, U.S. drone assassination of Gen. Qassem Soleimani of Iran, leader of the Revolutionary Guards’ Quds Force, and nine Iraqi political and military leaders is an example of the threat of U.S. lawless drone strikes.

South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol cynically offered the DPRK possible food shipments in return for a DPRK agreement to disarm. The U.S. followed the forced disarmament of Libya, which was condemned by those countries’ complete destruction. The North Korean leaders are well aware of that lesson.

**Legacy of the Korean War**

Since 1945, the U.S. has unilaterally divided Korea and installed puppet governments in the south in defiance of the U.N. since the Korean War in 1950.

U.S. and South Korean and Japanese military drills Aug. 8 to 14, itself preparation for a larger 11-day U.S.-South Korean military operation Aug. 22 to Sept. 1.

The Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), which laid down the rules governing the presence of U.S. forces stationed in South Korea, means that South Korea is the U.S. military base of operations, not a building that was left standing.

It is the U.S. military occupation of South Korea that installed corrupt, repressive governments.

**Mass opposition to U.S. occupation**

A massive demonstration of tens of thousands of South Koreans took place during the first round of military drills Aug. 13, protest demanding the withdrawal of all U.S. forces in South Korea and that the government suspend the upcoming joint military exercise with the U.S. and dissolve the South Korea-U.S. military alliance.

For nearly 70 years since the cease-fire in 1953, the U.S. has refused to sign a peace treaty with the DPRK, to allow for peaceful relations between South and North Korea or to end the military occupation. This threatens a renewed U.S. war. The military occupation on the Korean peninsula grew continually in these decades.

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La Red de Aposo a las y los Trabajadores de Amazon emitió el 10 de agosto el siguiente llamamiento a accio-nes masivas de solidaridad. Para el 14 de agosto, cerca de 200 organizaciones e individuos de muchos estados y otros paí-ses habían firmado en apoyo.

Advertencia: La ola de organización de los trabajadores está en peligro debido a la ruptura de los sindicatos.

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El Sindicato de Trabajadores de Amazon (ALU) anuncia una convocatoria a la huelga contra la discriminación en Amazon Prime. El Sindicato de Trabajadores de Amazon (ALU) ha pedido un aumento salarial de un 15% para los trabajadores de Amazon, garantizando un trabajo seguro y saludable. La ALU ha amenorado que la hazard de los trabajadores de Amazon de los centros de distribución en todo el país, donde han sido expuestos a altas temperaturas y malas condiciones de trabajo, ha aumentado el riesgo de enfermedades y accidentes laborales. La ALU ha señalado que la empresa ha ignorado las demandas de los trabajadores y ha continuado con su política de explotación en beneficio de los accionistas y obreros.

En Lunes, el fiscal general de Massachusetts anunció el acuerdo que alcanzó con los propietarios de las farmacias CVS, Walgreens y Rite Aid, acusadas de intentar obstruir las investigaciones y sobornar a los fiscales de varios estados. Según el acuerdo, los propietarios de las farmacias admitieron haber mentido a los fiscales sobre sus actividades en el mercado de las drogas, y se comprometieron a pagar una multa de 565 millones de dólares. Además, los propietarios de las farmacias fueron obligados a cooperar con las investigaciones y a realizar cambios en sus prácticas de marketing y venta de medicamentos.

Por Princess Harmony

El fiscal general de New Hampshire, John Formella, ha lanzado una demanda contra Walmart, Walgreens y CVS, entre otras farmacias, por presuntos delitos contra el consumo de drogas. Según la demanda, las farmacias han incitado a los consumidores a adquirir medicamentos para el consumo ilícito, y han mentido a los fiscales sobre sus actividades en el mercado de las drogas.

En la era del coronavirus, los consumidores han sido advertidos sobre el peligro que conlleva el consumo de medicamentos para el consumo ilícito. La demanda de Formella es un paso importante para acabar con estas prácticas, y para proteger a los consumidores de los peligros que conlleva el consumo de drogas.

Para que estas batallas pioneras derro-
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En Lunes, el fiscal general de Massachusetts anunció el acuerdo que alcanzó con los propietarios de las farmacias CVS, Walgreens y Rite Aid, acusadas de intentar obstruir las investigaciones y sobornar a los fiscales de varios estados. Según el acuerdo, los propietarios de las farmacias admitieron haber mentido a los fiscales sobre sus actividades en el mercado de las drogas, y se comprometieron a pagar una multa de 565 millones de dólares. Además, los propietarios de las farmacias fueron obligados a cooperar con las investigaciones y a realizar cambios en sus prácticas de marketing y venta de medicamentos.

Por Princess Harmony

El fiscal general de New Hampshire, John Formella, ha lanzado una demanda contra Walmart, Walgreens y CVS, entre otras farmacias, por presuntos delitos contra el consumo de drogas. Según la demanda, las farmacias han incitado a los consumidores a adquirir medicamentos para el consumo ilícito, y han mentido a los fiscales sobre sus actividades en el mercado de las drogas.

En la era del coronavirus, los consumidores han sido advertidos sobre el peligro que conlleva el consumo de medicamentos para el consumo ilícito. La demanda de Formella es un paso importante para acabar con estas prácticas, y para proteger a los consumidores de los peligros que conlleva el consumo de drogas.

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